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Estimates of the Extent of Home Preservation

of Certain Fruits and Vegetables During 1944 (Revised)\*

The table on the back of this sheet presents estimates of the total amounts of certain fruits and vegetables preserved in American homes during 1944. These estimates are derived from the reports of 1982 housewives carefully selected to represent all the households of the country. Each respondent was interviewed in her home; the interviewing was done between September 25 and October 15, 1944. It should be noted that approximately one-sixth of the respondents reported that they expected to do some home preserving subsequent to the time they were interviewed.

Although a large number of different foods were reported as having been preserved, national estimates are presented only for those foods which were preserved by a relatively large number of housewives. Dependable estimates of the total amounts of each of the less commonly preserved foods cannot be made from the present study. However, a rough approximation of the combined total of these foods is possible. If this miscellaneous total is added to the totals of the more commonly preserved foods, an estimate of the total amount of all foods preserved can be obtained.

The totals of preserved food are reported in quarts. The interviewers were specially instructed to ask the amount preserved in quarts and to convert into quarts any amounts reported in other units. The respondent in each case checked through a list of almost 50 specific foods; she was then asked if she had preserved "any other foods" which were not listed.

Because of the difficulty of sampling correctly the small number of people who preserved unusually large amounts of the different foods, the data in the table presented here are summarized in two forms. Estimates of the total amounts of the foods preserved, including the amounts put up by those people who preserved unusually large quantities, are given in the columns labelled "All cases." When the preserving done by this small section of the population is omitted from consideration, estimates may be made of the total amounts of the foods preserved by the remaining more than 99 percent of the nation's households. These are labelled "Adjusted."

\*This report replaces an earlier statement of estimates issued by the Division of Program Surveys on December 9, 1944.



ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
PRESERVED IN AMERICAN HOMES DURING 1944  
(In Quarts)

We are interested in the foods you preserved this year -- that is, foods you canned, or dried, or froze, or put up in other ways. Did you preserve any

	Non-farm		Farm		All households	
	All cases	Adjusted	All cases	Adjusted	All cases	Adjusted
Fruits	931,750,000	894,570,000	586,790,000	533,200,000	1,518,540,000	1,427,770,000
Tomatoes, tomato juice	449,190,000	429,700,000	290,150,000	290,150,000	739,340,000	719,850,000
Jams, jellies	301,120,000	184,620,000	101,530,000	89,110,000	302,650,000	273,730,000
Beans (all types)	173,530,000	149,560,000	157,870,000	124,270,000	336,200,000	273,830,000
Pickles, relishes	174,820,000	156,380,000	102,130,000	93,600,000	276,950,000	249,930,000
Corn	55,450,000	48,250,000	94,570,000	87,490,000	150,020,000	135,740,000
Peas	42,610,000	41,150,000	84,990,000	64,050,000	127,600,000	105,200,000
Sauerkraut	41,060,000	36,270,000	29,030,000	29,030,000	70,090,000	65,300,000
Greens (all types)	14,540,000	14,540,000	15,230,000	13,030,000	29,820,000	27,620,000
Miscellaneous vegetables*	77,000,000	69,000,000	91,000,000	61,000,000	168,000,000	130,000,000
Totals:						
All cases	2,165,870,000		1,553,340,000		3,719,210,000	
Adjusted		2,024,040,000		1,334,980,000		3,409,020,000

\*This includes a number of vegetables which were reported preserved by small numbers of housewives. Sweet potatoes are the only vegetable preserved in appreciable amounts which is not included.